

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on April 14, 2007 at 7:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch  
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 31, 4/9/2007; HB 833, 4/9/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:03:09

**HEARING ON SJ 31**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:56 **SEN. JEFF ESSMANN (R), SD 28**, opened the hearing on **SJ 31**, Interim study of taxation and school funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:25 Sen. Jim Peterson to Sen. Essmann

00:08:07 Sen. Kim Gillan to Sen. Essmann

00:10:13 Sen. Robert Story to Sen. Essmann

00:11:03 Sen. Jim Elliott to Sen. Story

00:12:58 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt

00:13:28 Sen. Dan Harrington

00:15:11 Sen. Elliott

00:17:05 Sen. Elliott to Sen. Story

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:48 Sen. Essmann

**HEARING ON HB 833**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:41 **SEN. JEFF ESSMANN, SD 28, BILLINGS** for **REP. WAYNE STAHL (R), HD 35**, opened the hearing on **HB 833**, 20-20 tax plan -- school mills income tax credit and increase exemption amount.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:22 Sen. Elliott

00:26:19 **REP. WAYNE STAHL (R), HD 35**

00:27:46 Sen. Elliott to Rep. Stahl

00:28:59 Sen. Elliott to Sen. Story

00:29:39 Sen. Elliott

00:32:03 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Elliott

00:33:31 Sen. Elliott to Dan Bucks, Director, Montana Department  
of Revenue (DOR)

00:34:27 Sen. Gillan to Director Bucks, DOR

00:35:07 Sen. Essmann to Sen. Elliott

00:36:10 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Story

00:36:50 Sen. Elliott

00:38:07 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Elliott

00:41:17 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Elliott

00:41:36 Sen. Essmann

00:41:57 Sen. Peterson to Sen. Elliott

00:43:09 Sen. Story

00:45:06 Sen. Jerry Black

00:46:29 Sen. Essmann

00:46:42 Sen. Gebhardt to Rep. Stahl

00:48:12 Sen. Peterson to Sen. Elliott

00:48:36 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Elliott

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:23 Rep. Stahl

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 7:55 A.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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